

REMARKS

Claims 1-21 are pending in the application. Claims 19-21 have been rewritten in independent form to overcome the rejection under 35 USC 112, second paragraph, but are not otherwise amended substantively. The amendments are fully supported by the application as originally filed.

Claims 19-21 were rejected under 35 USC 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter of the invention. Because claims 19-21 have been rewritten in independent form, it is believed that this rejection is overcome.

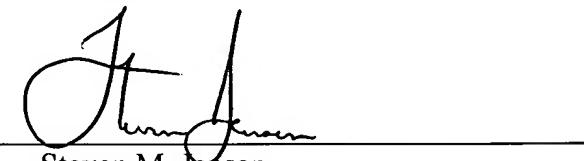
Claims 1, 10, 11, and 19-21 were rejected under obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claim 1 of U.S. Serial No. 10/603,719 and claim 1 of U.S. Serial No. 09/907,880. These double patenting rejections are provisional, since they are based on pending applications. According to MPEP 804, since the double patenting rejections are provisional, and the only remaining rejections in the case, the double patenting rejections should be withdrawn, and the subject application should be permitted to issue as a patent (see MPEP 804, par. I, B).

It is believed that the claims are in condition for immediate allowance, which action is earnestly solicited.

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